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Report Highlights:

Soybean planting seed produced locally will be affected by the decision of one of the largest entities in the private sector to abandon research in Argentina. That decision has been based on the inability of the Argentine Government to assure a fair retribution for the property rights of the genetics in the seeds. Imports of planting seeds have recovered from their downturn in 2002. Exports of planting seeds have returned to the level of 2001 after a heavy fall in 2002.

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Section I. Situation and Outlook

Production

The 2003/2004 grain and oilseeds crop was hit by a severe drought in the second half of 2003. The most affected area was the central part of the country but scattered spots in other areas also suffered from the drought. Yields estimations for major summer crops (soybean and corn) were cut drastically in the first part of 2004. Soybean planted area grew 1.4 million hectares in 2003. This expansion has been at the expense of other crops such as sunflower and corn and a net increase of nearly 600,000 hectares from what was previously grassland.

Field Crops Planted Area			
Species	Planted Area 2001/2002	Planted area 2002/2003	Planted area 2003/2004
Soybeans	11,639,000	12,607,000	14,000,000
Wheat	7,109,000	6,300,000	6,000,000
Corn	3,064,000	3,084,000	2,900,000
Sunflower	2,050,000	2,378,000	1,900,000
Oat	1,516,000	1,368,000	1,400,000
Sorghum	592,000	593,000	540,000
Rye	336,000	338,000	340,000
Cottonseed	173,000	158,000	264,000
Beans	263,000	206,000	200,000
Peanuts	222,000	157,000	140,000
Barley	260,000	270,000	340,000
Rice	126,000	135,000	174,000
TOTAL	27,350,001	27,594,001	28,198,001

Source: Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food [SAGPyA (www.SAGPyA.gov.ar)] Provisory data (04/12/2004)

Consumption

Planting Seeds Domestic Consumption Volumes (MT)			
Species	2001	2002	2003
Soybeans	883,000	985,000	1,100,000
Corn	191,000	147,000	213,000
Sorghum	4,150	3,840	4,320
Sunflower	7,600	9,600	7,600

Trade

The exports of planting seeds in 2003 did not show the spectacular jump that the Argentine Government (GOA) expected as a result of the devaluation of the peso, which occurred in February 2002. On the contrary, after a slight downturn in 2002, exports of planting seeds in general accounted to \$39 million, very close to 2001 figures. The leading export market is still the United States, which accounted for 36 percent of total 2003 exports. The main species exported to the United States were: corn, soybeans, vegetables seeds and alfalfa.

Genetically Modified (GM) corn of the Round Up Ready type produced under strict safety measures (see policy section: off-season production of corn) led exports.

While imports of pasture and vegetable seeds have recovered somewhat from their deep fall in 2002, field crop planting seed imports have remained the same as in 2002 despite the agribusiness boom in 2003. Only imports from those countries that produce high quality pasture seeds (Australia, Chile and New Zealand) showed the most important increases. On the field crop side, only sunflower seed imports -both in terms of values and volume-increased in 2003 with respect to 2002 and 2001.

Planting seeds pay no import tariff in Argentina. However, exports of planting seeds pay a 5 percent export tax and receive a 2.5 percent rebate.

Factors Affecting Industry Structure

New Biotech Unit at the Secretariat of Agriculture

The Secretary of Agriculture announced the creation of a new Biotechnology Unit whose goal will be to serve as a consultation entity in regards to biosafety issues. It will be especially acute reviewing new varieties of transgenic seeds.

The Mirror Policy

The European Union (EU) is the main export market for Argentine corn (grain). So far, Argentina has approved new GMOs only after the EU has authorized them. Now, Argentina seems to be re-thinking its GMO approval policy with an eye to establishing a more independent one. Sources in the industry assert that the Secretariat of Agriculture is ready to give the green light to the release of RR corn (Monsanto's NK603) soon. There are many different opinions in the sector about the impact that this measure will have on the overall corn production, but it will make production easier and cheaper.

The Brown Bag Issue

After many years of unsuccessfully trying to establish the property rights for the Round Up Ready soybeans, Monsanto decided to stop soybean research in Argentina. Nearly 100 percent of the soybeans planted in Argentina are RR but only 27 percent of it is certified seed upon which Monsanto receives royalties. While the GOA has signed the UPOV 78 agreement, companies like Monsanto would like to have their property rights protected under UPOV 91.

Off-season Production of Corn

In 2003, a number of companies requested the permission of the GOA to produce non-approved corn hybrid seeds for the United States. Thus, following a strict protocol drafted by the Argentine Committee on Biotechnology (CONABIA), 1,500 hectares out of the 8,000 hectares requested were planted. In 2004, companies plan to request permission to plant 9,000 hectares of which 3,000 hectares would be dedicated to RR corn seed production. According to sources in the industry, thanks to the reinstated National Seeds Institute (INASE, please see below), it will be easier to request permission to plant these hybrids. INASE has already sent invitations to the companies to submit applications stating acreage, hybrids and estimated planting dates.

Re-creation of the National Seeds Institute

The National Seed Institute (INASE) was reinstated after three years of inactivity. In 2000 the GOA dissolved the INASE due to a lack of budget. On January 6 2004 the INASE was reactivated. Its main goals are: to assure quality and proper identification of the seed to be marketed, to promote the supply of improved varieties through the protection of their property rights, to foster production and marketing of planting seeds as a way to improve crop production in Argentina.

Section II. Statistical Tables**Exports****Exports by Country**

EXPORTS						
COUNTRY	ARGENTINA					
	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
United States	24048.34	20645.45	20545.93	20456090	17605178	18140978
Uruguay	2995.88	4485.801	12158.58	4175697	5450424	9381943
Brazil	2537.609	3266.001	1248.443	4995830	5570444	2571849
Bolivia	1268.833	1624.927	1056.868	2682203	3551315	2062404
Netherlands	743.035	650.746	1096.03	1086874	956939	1469108
Paraguay	1325.091	379.345	486.511	1891135	604768	876819
Chile	124.846	107.74	154.477	1318362	235652	422299
Spain	217.066	30.56	256.794	265273	62959	242061
Italy	5.128	129.813	246.661	7584	97955	84085
France	8.345	48.377	29.742	16663	103628	31010
Total	33274.17	31368.76	37280.03	36895711	34239262	35282556
Other countries	1809.309	2159.861	2074.327	3575922	4577357	4030478
Grand Total	35083.48	33528.62	39354.36	40471633	38816619	39313034

Exports to the United States	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
CORN	11151.1	7777.788	9156.359	15446840	11769717	12375413
SOYBEANS	12824.91	12708.87	11119.42	4500733	4583076	4159290
VEGETABLES	12.09	55.542	70.021	330560	1035379	1139375
ALFALFA	0.002	0	152.031	6	0	406958
SUNFLOWER	57.683	58.195	23.841	176745	144623	21042
SORGHUM	0.724	0.605	1.463	373	303	6361
BARLEY	1.032	1.618	2.266	801	1370	1773
COTTON	0.8	0.054	0.526	32	1	166
CLOVER	0	32.025	20	0	63628	30600
WHEAT OTHER	0	0.107	0	0	214	0
FESCUE	0	10.646	0	0	6867	0
Grand Total	24048.34	20645.45	20545.93	20456090	17605178	18140978

Exports by commodity

	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
CORN	16539.44	14298.11	14969.58	24630661	21522044	20229338
SOYBEANS	14533.47	14768.23	19648.69	5216172	5270491	6902536
SUNFLOWER	1589.187	2313.523	1839.597	5038218	7441656	6541142
VEGETABLES	125.697	98.076	138.054	2352843	2187175	2955945
SORGHUM	746.135	833.811	1097.536	926100	1147599	1374292
ALFALFA	18.487	80.493	163.864	72566	157442	457758
COTTON	1274.66	150.179	300.727	1695901	90014	272821
RYE GRASS	36.42	337.365	372.3	33996	268268	218619
CLOVER	193.05	253.653	112.845	463066	524831	203225
WHEAT DURUM	4.163	163.81	672	2648	52991	142685
WHEAT OTHER	1.153	28.414	23.79	255	11214	5574
RAPE	0	0.605	1.26	0	948	4345
BARLEY	1.581	31.895	6.589	1269	16979	3414
OAT	0	0	4.5	0	0	819
RICE	0	14.335	3.025	0	3183	521
FESCUE	20.05	156.113	0	37938	121784	0
Grand Total	35083.48	33528.62	39354.36	40471633	38816619	39313034

Field Crops

CORN	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January – December			January – December		
	Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002
- World -	16539.44	14298.11	14969.6	24630661	21522044	20229338
United States	11151.1	7777.788	9156.36	15446840	11769717	12375413
Uruguay	1350.178	867.534	1506.59	2060425	1315400	2472034
Netherlands	742.702	477.125	1072.76	1085981	812980	1442720
Brazil	2259.456	3054.792	1023.74	4336277	4817710	1309115
Venezuela	0	898.727	886.499	0	1213281	1028138
Bolivia	572.432	565.594	436.527	807160	643367	518740
Peru	203.682	347.919	337.711	385358	425734	412955
Spain	5.44	30.28	236.734	27200	60279	237601
Chile	11.223	10.495	111.981	14814	22337	136077
Paraguay	31.5	50.289	79.183	40013	83088	76599
Germany	0.855	2.792	31.775	1216	7594	116328
France	6.498	44.226	28.778	14214	73241	29448
Japan	64.82	0	20	167211	0	23200
Costa Rica	0	0	17.72	0	0	20555

Colombia	121.644	142.975	16.392	186776	239271	19015
Saudi Arabia	0	0	4.4	0	0	5800
China	0.459	0.413	0.913	1440	413	961
South Africa	3.66	1.723	0.83	36600	8574	4090
Turkey	0.316	20.48	0.273	1491	20621	203
Yugoslavia	0	0.923	0.223	0	2673	100
Puerto Rico	0.014	0.158	0.119	34	183	126
Croatia	0	0	0.08	0	0	120
Italy	5	0	0	7366	0	0
Portugal	0.395	0.85	0	593	1275	0
India	0.041	0	0	71	0	0
Pakistan	6.777	0.047	0	6992	70	0
Thailand	0.021	0	0	40	0	0
Belgium	0	2.98	0	0	4236	0
Hungary	1.21	0	0	2506	0	0
Canada	0.014	0	0	43	0	0

SOYBEANS	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January – December			January – December		
	Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002
- World -	14533.47	14768.23	19648.7	5216172	5270491	6902536
United States	12824.91	12708.87	11119.4	4500733	4583076	4159290
Uruguay	977.519	2037.84	8475.58	369104	666912	2722681
Canada	0	0	53.34	0	0	20064
Brazil	0.06	0.371	0.31	60	436	462
Chile	0	0	0.04	0	0	34
Puerto Rico	0.139	0	0	139	0	0
France	0.01	1.067	0	10	432	0
South Africa	638.825	20.091	0	283288	19635	0
Paraguay	92	0	0	62838	0	0

SUNFLOWER	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
	Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002
- World -	1589.187	2313.523	1839.6	5038218	7441656	6541142
Uruguay	304.137	786.864	785.784	1029813	2490467	2929381
Bolivia	494.44	799.987	370.801	1592621	2475658	1193598
Brazil	135.197	140.021	217.03	539298	664512	1033456
Paraguay	58.804	103.948	140.556	216573	361726	559272
South Africa	8.702	27.356	122.1	40023	185530	328937
Thailand	90.508	0	94.832	244468	0	265530
China	419.846	384.897	69.67	1125214	1112874	191915

United States	57.683	58.195	23.841	176745	144623	21042
Chile	9.437	10.939	10.569	47906	2324	10280
Netherlands	0.333	0	3.06	893	0	6426
Yugoslavia	0	0.155	0.788	0	25	200
France	1.282	0.687	0.397	1942	921	554
Pakistan	5.217	0	0.09	12852	0	452
Spain	1.567	0.28	0.06	2814	2680	60
Turkey	0	0	0.01	0	0	20
Germany	0.068	0.07	0.004	245	163	9
Italy	0.002	0	0.003	2	0	8
Japan	1.2	0	0	3144	0	0
Greece	0	0.124	0	0	153	0
Hungary	0.704	0	0	3509	0	0
Mexico	0.007	0	0	17	0	0
Puerto Rico	0.053	0	0	139	0	0

SORGHUM	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
	Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002
- World -	746.135	833.811	1097.54	926100	1147599	1374292
Uruguay	302.236	423.252	586.297	443456	545245	801077
Bolivia	197.931	252.986	247.179	269240	424279	343486
Brazil	129.091	68.352	2.203	66125	86708	90136
Paraguay	90.65	61.9	61.772	117721	60482	63681
Egypt	0	0	59.5	0	0	30702
China	0	0	100	0	0	22120
Saudi Arabia	0	0	19.08	0	0	12287
United States	0.724	0.605	1.463	373	303	6361
Spain	0	0	20	0	0	4400
Colombia	24.494	25.191	0.042	28169	29275	42
Peru	0	0.045	0	0	23	0
Japan	1	1.48	0	1000	1284	0
Pakistan	0.009	0	0	16	0	0

COTTON	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January – December			January – December		
	Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002
- World -	1274.66	150.179	300.727	1695901	90014	272821
Paraguay	1050	150	201	1440560	90000	175875
Greece	0	0	97.978	0	0	95040
Uruguay	0	0	1	0	0	1700
United States	0.8	0.054	0.526	32	1	166

Colombia	0	0	0.198	0	0	30
South Africa	0	0	0.025	0	0	10
Brazil	13.56	0	0	18715	0	0
Chile	0	0.125	0	0	13	0
Peru	0.3	0	0	1394	0	0
Spain	210	0	0	235200	0	0

WHEAT DURUM	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
	Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002
- World -	4.163	163.81	672	2648	52991	142685
Uruguay	4	150	672	2480	38700	142685
Spain	0.059	0	0	59	0	0
Italy	0.094	13.81	0	99	14291	0
Switzerland	0.01	0	0	10	0	0

WHEAT OTHER	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January – December			January – December		
	Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002
- World -	1.153	28.414	23.79	255	11214	5574
Uruguay	0	28.161	23.5	0	10871	5288
Italy	0	0	0.158	0	0	150
France	0.073	0.146	0.132	83	129	136
Bolivia	0.98	0	0	140	0	0
United States	0	0.107	0	0	214	0
Korea, South	0.1	0	0	32	0	0

RAPE / CANOLA	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
	Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002
- World -	0	0.605	1.26	0	948	4345
Uruguay	0	0.005	1.26	0	48	4345
Bolivia	0	0.6	0	0	900	0

BARLEY	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
	Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002
- World -	1.581	31.895	6.589	1269	16979	3414
United States	1.032	1.618	2.266	801	1370	1773
Paraguay	0	0	4	0	0	1392
France	0.482	0.251	0.31	414	205	247
Uruguay	0	30.026	0.013	0	15404	2

OAT	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January – December			January – December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	0	0	4.5	0	0	819
Uruguay	0	0	4.5	0	0	819

RICE	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	0	14.335	3.025	0	3183	521
Uruguay	0	0.01	2.8	0	2	476
Costa Rica	0	0	0.225	0	0	45
Brazil	0	1.925	0	0	327	0
Paraguay	0	12.4	0	0	2854	0

Improved Pastures seeds

ALFALFA	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	18.487	80.493	163.864	72566	157442	457758
United States	0.002	0	152.031	6	0	406958
Peru	0	0.213	9.072	0	491	42880
Bolivia	2.55	0.16	2.361	12052	160	6580
Uruguay	12.5	0	0.4	47938	0	1340
Paraguay	1.65	0	0	6660	0	0
Canada	0.535	80	0	535	156191	0
Colombia	0	0.12	0	0	600	0
Ecuador	1.25	0	0	5375	0	0

RYE GRASS	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	36.42	337.365	372.3	33996	268268	218619
Italy	0	30	246.5	0	21850	83927
Uruguay	35.8	75.975	65.8	32811	77746	81052
New Zealand	0.12	0.001	20.005	195	1	19502
Netherlands	0	167.669	20	0	128226	17900
United Kingdom	0	0	19.995	0	0	16238
Germany	0	6.08	0	0	4849	0
Bolivia	0.5	2.1	0	990	2345	0
Brazil	0	0.54	0	0	751	0

Chile	0	55	0	0	32500	0
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CLOVER	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	193.05	253.653	112.845	463066	524831	203225
Uruguay	173	135	70.37	405270	282530	133985
United States	0	32.025	20	0	63628	30600
Germany	0	36.425	16.475	0	59508	27100
Chile	18	25	6	50760	63500	11540
Bolivia	2	0.2	0	6860	562	0
Brazil	0	25	0	0	55100	0
New Zealand	0.05	0.003	0	176	3	0

FESCUE	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January – December			January – December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	20.05	156.113	0	37938	121784	1
Bolivia	0	3.5	0	0	4606	0
United States	0	10.646	0	0	6867	0
Uruguay	0	49.99	0	0	40501	0
Italy	0	86	0	0	61800	0
Netherlands	0	5.9	0	0	7933	0
Australia	20	0	0	37825	0	0
New Zealand	0.05	0.077	0	113	77	1

Others

VEGETABLES	Quantity (MT)			FOB Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	125.697	98.076	138.054	2352843	2187175	2955945
United States	12.09	55.542	70.021	330560	1035379	1139375
Japan	16.8	22.328	28.44	573675	793494	1234726
Chile	86.186	6.181	25.887	1204882	114978	264368
Uruguay	9.51	11.144	8.056	189670	200048	164863
Brazil	0.245	0	5.16	35355	0	138680
Netherlands	0	0.052	0.215	0	7800	2062
France	0	2	0.125	0	28700	625
Germany	0.031	0	0.1	4494	0	9746
Australia	0	0	0.05	0	0	1500
Korea, South	0.28	0	0	6720	0	0
Italy	0.032	0.003	0	117	14	0

South Africa	0.036	0.018	0	600	144	0
Paraguay	0.487	0.808	0	6770	6618	0

Imports**Imports by Country**

IMPORTS						
Country	ARGENTINA					
	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December				January - December	
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
United States	5468	3014	4825	21072812	10723815	9778360
Australia	1820	1489	2754	4296306	2973055	5389843
Chile	1690	2176	5518	4086152	3130007	5335189
Brazil	478	1198	1647	364489	812760	1899201
Italy	477	57	528	1094976	204259	912486
Canada	717	578	568	1697619	1079869	983297
France	479	214	99	1971209	945395	912574
South Africa	212	555	255	181787	504995	503967
Netherlands	72	177	39	1302030	769512	1135182
Denmark	169	63	85	601758	283000	454256
Thailand	0.64	0.35	0.47	570698	399797	467048
Mexico	0.12	0.17	0.75	51408	84215	416782
Uruguay	154	199	291	139476	218461	286626
Total	11735	9720	16609	37430720	22129140	28474811
Other not listed	602	130	636	1815936	784492	2264347
Grand Total	12337	9850	17245	39246656	22913632	30739158

Imports from the United States	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
CORN	572.191	523.035	366.088	3738930	4094993	2317615
ALFALFA	3767.476	1237.915	814.965	13888577	4503471	2079097
FESCUE	40.325	9.616	1514.812	55242	18823	1395946
SUNFLOWER	27.843	12.713	450.907	101095	71056	1350178
SORGHUM	51.302	596.319	578.164	69560	562876	793887
VEGETABLES	58.788	48.992	55.159	1136417	655048	725708
SOYBEANS	648.178	527.494	603.708	1370969	681602	619896
PEANUTS	20.273	18.828	253.7	25280	38364	258672
CLOVER	243.364	27.51	53.551	494404	44325	70686
RICE	0.668	3.756	24.695	3604	13041	67077
RYE	0	0	99.79	0	0	45903
FLOWERS	0.364	0.074	0.283	99633	20054	22737
BARLEY	0.122	0	5.033	538	0	15594

COTTON	16.778	6.86	1.477	45162	17165	9588
KENTUCKY GRASS	20.205	0.703	1.588	43125	2765	4030
WHEAT	0.005	0.031	0.344	117	142	1000
WHEAT DURUM	0.011	0.001	0.494	113	57	651
OAT	0.01	0.003	0.01	46	33	95
Total	5468	3014	4825	21072812	10723815	9778360

Imports by Commodity

	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
ALFALFA	6766.765	3264.828	4016.157	21294649	8720897	8546015
VEGETABLES	302.642	158.675	254.4	6131676	3638209	6134193
SUNFLOWER	1459.286	1886.953	2779.776	2239785	2455649	4571307
CORN	988.086	1791.514	1390.22	4884738	5422676	4510260
CLOVER	1108.642	333.841	1190.582	1984107	547051	1999406
FESCUE	156.451	28.785	1594.61	221678	37009	1514278
SORGHUM	63.03	676.142	812.474	91192	658501	1062181
OAT	516.101	555.003	3590.399	116976	130085	781631
SOYBEANS	671.06	541.665	636.578	1427940	708136	648228
PEANUTS	20.273	18.828	253.7	25280	38364	258672
FLOWERS	4.537	0	0.803	583013	132170	237989
RYE GRASS	36.42	337.365	372.3	33996	268268	218619
RICE	13.494	13.972	98.873	7754	16911	88363
LINSEED	13.01	40	127.915	13193	17928	57829
RYE	20	40	101.79	5481	12797	47062
RAPE	0	0.368	0.560	0	6152	17765
BARLEY	0.526	0	5.033	3252	0	15594
WHEAT OTHER	135.446	58.355	8.26	62443	26243	9884
COTTON	32.793	26.09	1.529	62714	39087	9820
KENTUCKY GRASS	21.205	0.703	2.463	45648	2765	5974
WHEAT DURUM	6.867	77.4	6.924	11141	34734	4088
Grand Total	12336.63	9850.487	17245.35	39246656	22913632	30739158

Field Crops

SUNFLOWER	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	1459.286	1886.953	2779.776	2239785	2455649	4571307
Chile	1386.218	1811.726	1940.438	1965032	2231917	2437870
United States	27.843	12.713	450.907	101095	71056	1350178

Bolivia	0.126	0.689	279.348	1831	3854	391045
South Africa	15.288	52.794	67.511	11676	76868	262060
Brazil	0.04	0.06	33.264	312	78	75695
Puerto Rico	3.862	3.352	2.864	21889	12935	8059
Peru	0	0	2.75	0	0	3713
Spain	24.85	2.356	1.462	129373	14309	26997
France	0.67	1.916	0.568	6030	36509	14113
Yugoslavia	0.002	0.791	0.419	107	4272	121
Australia	0.005	0.346	0.153	50	1636	946
Hungary	0.002	0.007	0.024	55	61	176
Germany	0	0.002	0.012	367	43	104
India	0	0.03	0.008	0	352	141
Italy	0.35	0	0.002	1454	0	29
Turkey	0	0.002	0.001	0	56	56
Israel	0.001	0	0	241	0	0
Austria	0	0.072	0	0	435	0
Netherlands	0.008	0.097	0	122	1268	4
Mexico	0.021	0	0	151	0	0

CORN	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	988.086	1791.514	1390.22	4884738	5422676	4510260
Brazil	120.178	575.329	820.18	198531	545451	1340981
United States	572.191	523.035	344.673	3738930	4094993	2154667
South Africa	196.458	492.095	112.403	169443	423127	182367
Chile	49.054	184.472	64.703	618612	271146	332308
U.S. Territory	0	0	21.415	0	0	162948
France	7.867	9.931	8.779	57981	59959	110685
Germany	4.669	0.824	8.493	17169	2785	90390
Australia	0	0.001	3.92	0	93	38852
Puerto Rico	2.727	4.637	3.553	15191	14306	76676
Italy	21.585	0.304	1.933	24391	819	18708
Mexico	0.071	0.023	0.099	289	177	970
Czech Republic	0	0	0.018	0	0	13
Croatia	0	0	0.016	0	0	164
India	0	0	0.01	0	0	136
Spain	0.002	0	0.008	47	0	119
Thailand	0.003	0.032	0.007	89	298	98
Uruguay	0.026	0.021	0.006	173	89	56
Philippines	0	0.007	0.003	0	8	90
Austria	0.023	0.023	0.001	60	64	31
Belgium	0	0.085	0	0	161	0
Portugal	0.032	0.045	0	156	214	0

Yugoslavia	0	0.024	0	0	3	0
Zimbabwe	13	0.005	0	41158	48	0
Canada	0.2	0.621	0	2518	8935	1

SORGHUM	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January – December			January – December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	63.03	676.142	812.474	91192	658501	1062181
United States	51.302	596.319	578.164	69560	562876	793887
Australia	0	68.041	134.064	0	88395	188197
South Africa	0.11	10	72.944	432	4989	58266
Brazil	10.847	1.709	27.293	14396	1644	21659
India	0	0.002	0.008	0	55	116
Mexico	0	0.068	0.001	0	524	56
Puerto Rico	0.712	0	0	6587	0	0
Uruguay	0.008	0.003	0	191	18	0
Colombia	0.051	0	0	26	0	0

OAT	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January – December			January – December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	516.101	555.003	3590.399	116976	130085	781631
Brazil	320	555	736	71324	130052	294904
Paraguay	171	0	92.01	32460	0	18631
Uruguay	0	0	46	0	0	12540
United States	0.01	0.003	0.01	46	33	95
Chile	25	0	2716.379	11837	0	455461
Germany	0.091	0	0	1309	0	0

SOYBEANS	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	671.06	541.665	636.578	1427940	708136	648228
United States	648.178	527.494	603.708	1370969	681602	619896
Brazil	0.052	0.016	30	196	90	11817
Canada	16.719	11.933	1.979	41996	20844	14162
Puerto Rico	1.581	1.222	0.875	5570	2811	2239
South Africa	0.015	0	0.016	151	0	114
France	2.915	1	0	6922	2789	0
Italy	1.6	0	0	2136	0	0

PEANUTS	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January – December			January – December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003

- World -	20.273	18.828	253.7	25280	38364	258672
United States	20.273	18.828	253.7	25280	38364	258672

RICE	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	13.494	13.972	98.873	7754	16911	88363
Uruguay	7.735	10.216	74	2830	3870	21109
United States	0.668	3.756	24.695	3604	13041	67077
Puerto Rico	0	0	0.159	0	0	81
Spain	0	0	0.019	0	0	96
Brazil	5.091	0	0	1320	0	0

LINSEED	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	13.01	40	127.915	13193	17928	57829
Canada	0	40	127.915	0	17928	57829
Brazil	0.009	0	0	131	0	0
France	0.001	0	0	76	0	0
Germany	13	0	0	12986	0	0

RYE	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	20	40	101.79	5481	12797	47062
United States	0	0	99.79	0	0	45903
South Africa	0	0	2	0	0	1159
Brazil	20	40	0	5481	12797	0

RAPE	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	0	0.368	0.56	0	6152	17765
Canada	0	0.1	0.502	0	2702	16963
Germany	0	0.202	0.05	0	2573	792
Sweden	0	0.064	0.008	0	567	10
Japan	0	0.002	0	0	310	0

BARLEY	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	0.526	0	5.033	3252	0	15594

United States	0.122	0	5.033	538	0	15594
Canada	0.15	0	0	1128	0	0
France	0.241	0	0	1405	0	0
Germany	0.013	0	0	181	0	0

WHEAT OTHER	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	135.446	58.355	8.26	62443	26243	9884
France	43.12	1.489	4.251	29788	3352	6330
Uruguay	65	56	3.6	20453	20984	2231
United States	0.005	0.031	0.344	117	142	1000
Mexico	0	0.043	0.026	0	47	110
Netherlands	0.032	0.023	0.023	136	76	76
Australia	0	0	0.01	0	0	56
Germany	0.002	0.008	0.006	26	121	81
Italy	0	0.002	0	0	48	0
United Kingdom	0.087	0	0	234	0	0
Switzerland	0	0.65	0	0	608	0
Canada	8	0.109	0	5716	865	0
Spain	19.2	0	0	5973	0	0

COTTON	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	32.793	26.09	1.529	62714	39087	9820
United States	16.778	6.86	1.477	45162	17165	9588
Brazil	0	0	0.052	0	0	232
Australia	16.015	19.23	0	17552	21922	0

WHEAT DURUM	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	6.867	77.4	6.924	11141	34734	4088
Brazil	0	24.528	6.35	0	7657	3269
United States	0.011	0.001	0.494	113	57	651
Mexico	0.013	0.065	0.042	15	63	59
South Africa	0.027	0.02	0.023	85	11	1
France	5.744	0.176	0.015	6256	855	108
Uruguay	0	6.5	0	0	2382	0
Spain	0	46.11	0	0	23709	0
Italy	0.432	0	0	2010	0	0
Switzerland	0.64	0	0	2662	0	0

Improved Pastures Seeds

ALFALFA	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	6766.765	3264.828	4016.157	21294649	8720897	8546015
Australia	1458.25	1329.928	2494.073	3647401	2739640	4874823
United States	3767.476	1237.915	814.965	13888577	4503471	2079097
Canada	603.837	525.2	387.275	1538495	1028595	834077
Italy	423.475	0	160.002	773177	0	341980
Chile	48	0.003	96	161856	65	271572
France	385.725	171.78	63.842	1144848	449086	144466
Uruguay	0.002	0.002	0	29	40	0
Hungary	40	0	0	72000	0	0
Germany	40	0	0	68266	0	0

CLOVER	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January – December			January – December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	1108.642	333.841	1190.582	1984107	547051	1999406
Chile	160	115.2	693.5	350495	169796	1141957
Australia	320.753	71.85	121.16	570493	121369	276403
Germany	136.653	30	120	203127	42390	178068
Uruguay	45.1	57.2	101.817	82989	115714	169638
Italy	0	1.8	64	0	1823	112683
United States	243.364	27.51	53.551	494404	44325	70686
Canada	75	0	25	84683	0	28951
Denmark	58.4	0	10	86540	0	16400
New Zealand	69.372	20.281	1.554	111376	37494	4620
France	0	10	0	0	14140	0

FESCUE	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January – December			January – December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	156.451	28.785	1594.61	221678	37009	1514278
United States	40.325	9.616	1514.812	55242	18823	1395946
Brazil	0	0	25	0	0	23844
Canada	13.065	0	24.95	23083	0	31314
Denmark	39.895	18.825	12.815	53069	17492	16178
New Zealand	0.006	0.042	10.016	71	323	33653
Uruguay	0	0	5	0	0	11227
Germany	20	0	2	29250	0	1892

Netherlands	18.42	0	0.016	26297	0	168
France	0.74	0.002	0.001	2026	25	56
Italy	0	0.3	0	0	346	0
Sweden	0	0	0	0	0	0
Australia	24	0	0	32640	0	0

RYE GRASS	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January – December			January – December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	36.42	337.365	372.3	33996	268268	218619
Italy	0	30	246.5	0	21850	83927
Uruguay	35.8	75.975	65.8	32811	77746	81052
New Zealand	0.12	0.001	20.005	195	1	19502
Netherlands	0	167.669	20	0	128226	17900
United Kingdom	0	0	19.995	0	0	16238
Germany	0	6.08	0	0	4849	0
Bolivia	0.5	2.1	0	990	2345	0
Brazil	0	0.54	0	0	751	0
Chile	0	55	0	0	32500	0

KENTUCKY GRASS	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January – December			January – December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	21.205	0.703	2.463	45648	2765	5974
United States	20.205	0.703	1.588	43125	2765	4030
Denmark	1	0	0.875	2523	0	1944

Others

VEGETABLES	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	302.642	158.675	254.4	6131676	3638209	6134193
Netherlands	52.549	8.674	18.513	1109454	614224	1039209
United States	58.788	48.992	55.159	1136417	655048	725708
Chile	21.646	9.502	7.24	978320	424583	696021
France	29.863	17.304	21.65	612460	371941	636282
Thailand	0.637	0.348	0.468	570698	399797	467048
Mexico	0.032	0.043	0.58	51104	83928	415643
Denmark	68.588	44.188	61.256	440367	229716	399511
Israel	0.06	0.027	0.198	308810	219946	381069
Italy	50.586	25.188	56.96	313579	180192	367857
India	0.071	0.315	0.472	24161	35831	211085

Japan	2.028	3.116	3.997	202159	160501	201557
Brazil	1.666	0.484	2.411	73055	114080	200728
China	0.68	0.085	0.464	111668	41951	148260
South Africa	8.502	0	20.893	44615	0	94204
Bolivia	0	0	0.036	0	0	40778
Peru	0.021	0.003	0.764	55535	6018	31252
Vietnam	0	0	0.033	0	0	26780
Spain	0.407	0.258	0.115	30099	94324	26315
Australia	0.508	0	0.238	28170	0	10566
Guatemala	0.003	0.035	0.002	17244	5218	6346
New Zealand	6	0	2.5	13580	0	3465
Korea, South	0	0	0.101	0	0	2518
Germany	0	0.005	0.35	0	126	1991
Taiwan	0.007	0	0	10181	0	0
Slovenia	0	0.108	0	0	785	0

FLOWERS	Quantity (MT)			CIF Value (US Dollars)		
	January - December			January - December		
Country	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
- World -	4.534	0.45	0.804	580549	132170	238060
Netherlands	1.034	0.059	0.095	166021	25718	77825
Guatemala	0.035	0.006	0.019	177959	29899	63039
Japan	0.003	0.007	0.021	7133	13968	46030
United States	0.364	0.074	0.283	99633	20054	22737
Denmark	0.663	0.208	0.254	19259	35792	20223
Italy	0.099	0	0.127	2620	0	6010
Brazil	0	0	0.004	0	0	1591
France	2.18	0.096	0	103417	6739	534
New Zealand	0	0	0.001	0	0	71
Spain	0.156	0	0	4507	0	0
Germany	3	0	0	2464	0	0

Prices**Export Prices**

PRICES			
FOB Prices	US Dollars per MT	ARGENTINA	
		January - December	
Species		2001	2002
VEGETABLES		18718	22301
SUNFLOWER		3170	3217
RAPE		0	1567
ALFALFA		3925	1956
CLOVER		2399	2069
CORN		1489	1505
SORGHUM		1241	1376
COTTON		1330	599
BARLEY		803	532
RYE GRASS		933	795
SOYBEANS		359	357
WHEAT OTHER		221	395
WHEAT DURUM		636	323
OAT		0	0
RICE		0	222
FESCUE		1892	780
Average price		1154	1158
			999

Import Prices

CIF Prices	US Dollars per MT	ARGENTINA		
		January - December		
Species		2001	2002	2003
FLOWERS		128502	N/A	296375
RAPE		N/A	16717	31723
VEGETABLES		20260	22929	24112
COTTON		1912	1498	6422
CORN		4944	3027	3244
BARLEY		6183	0	3098
KENTUCKY GRASS		2153	3933	2425
ALFALFA		3147	2671	2128
CLOVER		1790	1639	1679
SUNFLOWER		1535	1301	1644
WHEAT OTHER		461	450	1197
SORGHUM		1447	974	1307

PEANUTS	1247	2038	1020
SOYBEANS	2128	1307	1018
FESCUE	1417	1286	950
RICE	575	1210	894
WHEAT DURUM	1622	449	590
RYE GRASS	933	795	587
RYE	274	320	462
LINSEED	1014	448	452
OAT	227	234	218
Average price	3181	2326	1782

Domestic Prices

Domestic Market	US Dollars per MT	ARGENTINA		
		December		
Species		2001	2002	2003
RAPE / CANOLA		5800	N/A	N/A
CORN		3007	2770	3250
SUNFLOWER		2500	2770	3330
SORGHUM		2550	1080	1250
SOYBEANS		250	280	330
RR SOYBEAN		500	450	380
LINSEED / FLAXSEED		390	N/A	N/A
WHEAT DURUM		200	180	180
OAT		200	130	320
RYE		240	170	400
ALFALFA		4500	4000	3750
CLOVER		3200	2100	2470
FESCUE		1500	1150	1640
RYE GRASS		1400	1190	1610